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SUBJECT: FIFTH SESSION OF FRG-USSR JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION

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1. FRG AMBASSADOR SAHM, WHO TOOK PART IN RECENT FRG-USSR JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION SESSION IN BONN, HAS CONFIRMED INFORMATION REPORTED REFTEL AND PROVIDED FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON JUNE 9-11 MEETING.

2. NEAR-STALEMATE IN NEGOTIATIONS ON NUCLEAR POWER PLANT (PARA 4 REFTEL) CONTINUED THROUGHOUT SCHMIDT-NOVIKOV DISCUSSION. SCHMIDT REMINDED NOVIKOV THAT FRG HAS NOT RECEIVED RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS STILL OUTSTANDING.

3. IN ADDITION TO GENERAL SOVIET UNHAPPINESS ABOUT BILATERAL TRADE IMBALANCE IN FRG'S FAVOR, SOVIETS ARE PARTICULARLY DISS-
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ATISFIED THAT CONSUMER GOODS COMPRISE ONLY 6.5 PERCENT OF FRG

IMPORTS FROM USSR DURING FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF THIS YEAR.

4. BY EXCHANGE OF LETTERS SIGNED IN COURSE OF COMMISSION SESSIONS FRG AND USSR AGREED RECIPROCALLY TO OPENING OF TOURISM PROMOTION OFFICES IN FRANKFURT AND MOSCOW. WEST GERMANS REGARD UNDERSTANDING THAT FRG'S MOSCOW TOURISM OFFICE MAY ADVERTISE AND PROMOTE TRAVEL TO BERLIN AS PERHAPS MOST SIGNIFICANT ASPECT OF TOURISM AGREEMENT.

5. DURING COMMISSION SESSIONS FRG OFFERED TO PROVIDE EXPERT ASSISTANCE TO USSR FOR EXPLORATION/DEVELOPMENT OF SOVIET PETROCHEMICAL RESOURCES AND OFFERED ALSO TO ASSIST SOVIETS IN PLANNING AN ORGANIZATON FOR 1980 OLYMPICS. NEITHER OFFER ELICITED ANY MEANINGFUL RESPONSE.
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